



2024 Election Biography

ALA President Candidates & Councilor at Large Candidates

This resource allows ALA members to sort through large volumes of biographies for the position, ALA Councilor at Large. ALA members are to vote for no more than 18 candidates. Election opens March 11, 2024; and closes April 3, 2024. An e-mail will be sent to ALA members to access the ballot during this period.

ALA

President

Candidates

Sam Helmick (they/them)
Public Services Manager
Iowa City Public Library
Iowa City, IA
Public

Degrees and Certifications

University of Illinois, MSLIS, 2012
Iowa Wesleyan University, BS Human Services, 2010

ALA or APA Activities

President, Iowa Library Association President, 2023
Executive Board Member, American Library Association, 2021-2023
Committee Member, Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 6, 2021-2023
Chair-Elect, ALA Freedom to Read Foundation, 2020
Committee Member, Stonewall Book Awards, 2019-2020
Committee Member, RUSA Sophie Brody Book Award, 2019
Member, ALA Policy Monitoring Committee, 2018-2020
Committee Member, YALSA Michael L. Printz Award, 2018
ALA Chapter Councilor, Iowa Library Association ALA Chapter Councilor, 2017-2021
Chair, YALSA Fundraising Taskforce, 2017
Emerging Leader, American Library Association, 2016
Member, Welcome to All: Serving the GLBT Community in Your Library Toolkit Task Force, Rainbow Roundtable
Committee Member, Stonewall Book Awards, 2015
Chair, YALSA Membership and Division, 2013-2015
Co-Chair, Library Information Technology Association's Distance Learning Interest Group, 2014

Officers Held

President, Iowa Library Association President, 2023
Committee Member, Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 6, 2021-2023
Cohort Member, PeMento: Peer Mentoring for Mid-Career Library Workers, 2022
Awards Committee Member, Midwest Independent Publishers Association, 2021
Chair, Iowa Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2017-2020
Cohort 3 Member, Library Freedom Project, 2019
Commission/Chair, Iowa Governor's Commission of Libraries, 2018-202
ALA Chapter Councilor, Iowa Library Association ALA Chapter Councilor, 2017-2021
Nominated White House Attendee, United State of Women Summit, 2016
Member, Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute, 2014

Honors and Awards

Greater Burlington's 40 Under 40 Award, 2017
Iowa Library Association Quality Time Award Winner, 2014

Major Accomplishments

Finding and supporting community during the early months of the pandemic feels like an accomplishment which reinforced how we are stronger, more resilient, and more imaginative together. This knowledge helped me in the reopening the Iowa City Public Library and ICPL Bookmobile from their pandemic closures as well as supporting ALA membership as an ALA Executive Board member through virtual governance, conference, and connection.

Serving as the Iowa Library Association President at a historic time (Iowa had the 2nd most library adverse bills in the nation in 2023) has been a humbling and momentous time in my personal and professional stories. Inviting everyone to the table in the face of unprecedented division instilled my belief that we only move forward in community together and are successful when all voices are given the opportunity to be heard.

Authoring books and instructing business classes in social marketing has fed my love to teach, collaboratively learn, and share information designed to encourage others as seen in my work as an ALA Emerging Leader and on the #LibrariesTransform campaign.

Publications

2015, <p>Mobile Social Marketing in Libraries. (Rowman & Littlefield Press); 2015</p>
<p>"Millennial Library Professionals: Recruitment, Management and Retention" Creative Management of Small Public Libraries in the 21st Century. (Scarecrow Press); 2014</p>
<p></p>—2014, <p><p>"Millennial Library Professionals: Recruitment, Management and Retention" Creative Management of Small Public Libraries in the 21st Century. (Scarecrow Press); 2014</p></p>

Statement

It is a humbling privilege to work in a field and commit much time, thought, and heart to a profession which so deeply aligns with my values for equity, access, and intellectual freedom. As a member leader of ALA, these values have been reinforced shoulder to shoulder with you in the transformative work we do together.

My experiences with library workers and stakeholders as a member of Stonewall, Sophie Brody, and Michael L. Printz book award committees and with colleagues on the YALSA Fundraising Taskforce and Policy Monitoring Committee, as an ALA Emerging Leader, ALA Chapter Councilor, Chapter President, and ALA Executive Board Member have impressed upon me the great importance of our work to build communities, dismantle inequality, and provide a solid foundation for a brighter, more hopeful tomorrow.

ALA Council and through the work of ALA Divisions, Affiliates, Roundtables, and deep, appreciative, abiding partnerships, we committed great efforts to create agility in our processes to move us Forward Together. We navigated historic shifts in virtual governance, conference, and connection in response to the pandemic. We braved waves of censorship, adverse legislation, and social discord which made libraries a political target while developing tools to support library workers, patrons, and affinity groups caught in the fray.

As one ALA, I am proud that these stories are our stories. As an ALA member and member leader, I am grateful to feel connected to these acts of tireless, unwavering, and driven commitment to Free People Reading Freely and to the creation of opportunity for all through literacy, learning, and community. I am keen to nurture our attained growth to enhance communication, access to leadership opportunities, change agency, and collaboration while bringing greater awareness of the strength our of Association if chosen to serve. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Links

<https://samforlibraries.com/>

ALA Membership Years: 12.0

Divisions:

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

Raymond Pun (he/him)
Academic and Research Librarian
Alder Graduate School of Education
Redwood City, CA
Other School/Academic

Previous Positions

Academic and Research Librarian, Alder Graduate School of Education, 2018-2021, 2022-Present—Education and Outreach Manager, Hoover Institution Library & Archives, Stanford University, 2021-2022—Various Roles, The New York Public Library, 2006-2013

Degrees and Certifications

California State University, Fresno, EdD., Educational Leadership, 2020,
St. John's University, MA East Asian Studies, 2013
Queens College of the City University of New York (CUNY), MLS, 2010
St. John's University, BA History, 2007

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Councilor at Large 2017-2023, 2023-Present
ALA Policy Corps Member, Cohort Two 2019-Present
ALA President Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada, Advisory Committee Member 2021–2023
ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo's Advisory Committee Member 2017–2019
ALA International Relations Committee Member 2021–2023
ALA Bogle Pratt International Travel Grant Subcommittee Member 2023
ALA Committee on Library Advocacy Member 2020-2022
ALA Nominating Committee Member 2020–2021
ALA Spectrum Scholarship Juror 2020–2020
ALA Committee on Committees Member 2019–2020
ALA Policy Corps Advisory Group Member 2019–2022
ALA Committee on Diversity Member 2019–2021
ALA Literary Landmark Review Task Force Member 2020–2021

ACRL Government Relations Member 2021–2023
ACRL Conference Innovation Committee for ACRL Conference 2021 Member 2019–2021
ACRL Student Learning and Information Literacy Committee (SLILC) Member 2017–2019
ACRL Framework Resources Project Team Member 2018–2019
ACRL Information Literacy Self-Studies for Institutional Accreditation Subcommittee Member 2017–2018
ACRL Frames Listserv Moderator 2017–2018
ACRL International Perspectives on Academic/Research Libraries Discussion Group Co-Convener, 2016–2018 and Convener, 2018–2020
ACRL Leadership Discussion Group Convener 2017-2020
ACRL Science and Technology Section: Scholarly Communications Committee/SCI Post Subcommittee Chair 2016–2018
ACRL Framework Advisory Board (FAB) 2016-2017

ACRL Spectrum Scholar Mentor 2016-2017
ACRL New Publications Advisory Board Member 2013-2016
ACRL Asian, African and Middle Eastern Studies Section (AAMES) Nominee and Publications Committees Member 2010-2011

ALSC Grant Administration Committee Member 2018-2020
AASL 2021 Conference Program Reviewer 2021
AASL School Library Research, Editorial Board Member 2020-2022

IRRT Publication Committee Member 2018-2022
IRRT Webinar Committee Member 2020-2021
IRRT International Exchange/Connections Committee Member 2017-2019
IRRT International Librarians' Orientation/Mentoring Committee Member 2017-2018
IRRT Membership Committee Member 2016-2017

Officers Held

California Library Association Legislative, Committee Member, 2020-2024
Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) Executive Board (EB), Vice President / President / Immediate Past President, 2020 - 2023
APALA Strategic Planning Committee, November 2020 - June 2021
Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Incoming Vice President / Vice President / President / Immediate Past President, 2020-2024
CALA Board of Directors, 2017-2024
JCLC Fundraising and Finance Committee, January 2020- October 2022 for JCLC Conference 2022
REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services for Latinos and the Spanish Speaking - IMLS Grant Project (Advisory Group Member) "Telling Our Stories: Community Building to Recruit and Retain Latinx to the Library Profession," 2021
REFORMA International Relations Chair, 2018-2019, Member, 202-2021
Reforma Valle del Central (RVDC) Chapter Program Co-Organizer, "Awakening Stories Program in Central Valley," 2017-2018
Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), IMLS Black History Month Programming National Advisory Committee Member, 2020-2021
American Indian Library Association (AILA) Travel Scholarship Committee Member, 2021-2022
International Federation of Libraries Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPDWL) Section, Standing Committee Member 2019-2023, Information Coordinator 2019-2021
IFLA CPDWL Satellite Meeting Committee, Chair for Programs in Zagreb, Croatia, 2018-2019
Library Freedom Project Member, 2020 - Present
Zines UnConference 2023 Planning Committee Member, 2023

Honors and Awards

Committee of 100 Next Generation Leadership Program, 2023
IFLA 2021 Dynamic Unit and Impact Award for Special Mentions for CPDWL Section, 2021
ALA Diversity Research Grant, 2020
Association of Library and Information Sciences Education (ALISE) Diversity Travel Award, 2019
Beta Phi Mu, Life Membership, 2019

American Library Association's Achievement in Library Diversity Research Award, 2019
REFORMA-Joint Council of Librarians of Color (JCLC) Rising Leader Award, 2018
Special Libraries Association (SLA), Business & Finance (B&F) Section: Achievement in Academic Business Librarianship, 2015
ALA Emerging Leader, 2014
District Council (DC) 37: Local 1930 Service Award for Research Librarian Representative, 2013
The Library Journal's Mover and Shaker Profile: Change Agent Category, 2012

Major Accomplishments

As President of APALA 2021-2022, I co-cultivated over \$30,000 of donations and relaunched APALA's in-person programs at ALA Annual Conference 2022. As President of CALA 2022-2023, I helped establish the CALA Asia-Pacific Chapter and raised over \$5,000 to celebrate CALA 50th Anniversary.

From 2021-2023, I collaboratively secured \$100,000 from IMLS and served as Co-Project Director for "The Path to Leadership: National Forum on the Advancing Asian Pacific Islander American Librarianship" program under APALA and CALA and engaged 100 library workers.

In Spring 2021, as a Library Freedom Project team, we collaboratively secured \$20,000 from Network National Library of Medicine for "Virtual Health Programming in Public Libraries" for New Jersey public libraries.

In October 2011, I co-organized with CUNY Graduate Center: MEMEAC and Project Khalid at NYPL, "The 100th Anniversary of The Book of Khalid" public program for 300 attendees.

Scholarly, professional and work activities: co-editor of seven LIS books, author/co-author of over a dozen of refereed scholarly articles, and 100 presentations globally; and co-built two libraries in China (NYU Shanghai) and one in America (Alder GSE).

Publications

2021, <p>Pun, R., Cardenas-Dow, M., & Flash, K. S. (Ed.). (2021). Ethnic studies in academic and research libraries. Chicago: ACRL Publications. </p>—2023, <p>Pun, R., Liu, G., & Deng., S. (2023). Guest Post: Pushing for Equity and Diversity in Scholarship through Open Access: Lessons Learned and Perspective from the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). Scholarly Kitchen. <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2023/05/26/guest-post-pushing-for-equity-and-diversity-in-scholarship-through-open-access-lessons-learned-and-perspective-from-the-chinese-american-librarians-association-cala/></p>—2023, <p>Pun, R., Green, P. R., & Davis, N. (2023). Medical libraries and their complicated past: an exploration of the historical connections between medical collections and racial science. Journal of the Medical Library Association: JMLA, 111(3), 740-745. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10361556/></p>

Statement

For almost 150 years, ALA has been recognized as the world's first and largest library association but ALA has not been without its flaws, including its exclusionary history, particularly regarding underrepresented groups. ALA now reckons with its past to build a better future it espouses. Our

association and its values must realign itself to empower our work during these turbulent times. Inspired by past ALA leaders' visions, I strive to ensure that ALA continues bridging and advocating for communities through libraries and library workers. Libraries transform lives for the better.

As a first-generation college graduate and a bilingual child of immigrant parents, I've navigated complex spaces and built and made spaces for others. Guided by universal design for learning framework, my inclusive leadership centers on compassion and collaboration. I always seek to reduce barriers to learning and access, especially for the communities of teachers, graduate students, and teacher educators I currently serve.

For over 17 years, I've worked in public and academic libraries in America and China and held leadership positions within ALA, ACRL, National Associations of Librarians of Color, and IFLA. As President of the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association and the Chinese American Librarians Association, I've forged local and global coalitions, streamlined governance processes through transparency, and increased fiscal health and membership through fundraising and engagement, especially during COVID-19. Cultivating meaningful connections among our volunteers is purposeful work. I would continue to bring this intentionality to ALA, collaborating with other members to calibrate and communicate its impact, values, and growth areas amidst our rapidly changing yet emotionally exhausted profession.

I aim to strengthen ALA's role in bridging global learning and local library advocacy networks and highlighting the invisible and emotional labor of library workers, our ALA, and ALA-APA colleagues. I thank countless volunteer leaders for inspiring me to run.

Links

Website: <https://www.raypun.info>

Work Profile: <https://aldergse.edu/profiles/raymond-pun/>

University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity Profile:
<https://lsa.umich.edu/ncid/people/ncid-diversity-scholars-network.detail.html/NCID->

ALA Membership Years: 15.0

Divisions: AASL,ACRL,ALSC,CORE,PLA

Round Tables: EMIERT,IFRT,IRRT,LHRT,LIRT,RRT,SRRT,SUSTR

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association

Chinese American Librarians Association

Black Caucus of ALA

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking

American Indian Library Association

ALA
Councilor at
Large
Candidates

Caroline Akervik (she/her/hers)
Library Media Coordinator
ECASD
Eau Claire, WI
School

Degrees and Certifications

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2012-14

- WI DPI Library Media Specialist Professional 902 License

University of Wisconsin-Superior and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 2009-2010

- Obtained WI DPI Library Media Specialist Initial 902 License for Early Childhood to Adolescence

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 2006-2009

- Non-degree student – Obtained WI DPI 300 English Teaching License for Early Adolescence to Adolescence (10-21)

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 1994-1999

- MA in English

Bryn Mawr College 1989-1993

- BA in Biology

ALA or APA Activities

ALA NMRT Communications Committee Member 2023

ADL Lesson Plan Working Group Fall 2024

NMRT Member 2023-2024

AASL Member 2023-

IFRT Member 2023

AASL_ESLS – Educators of School Librarians

LIRT Library Instruction Round Table

SUSTRT Sustainability Round Table

Officers Held

WEMTA Board Member 2021-2023, Professional Development Chair and Legislative Committee Member

WEMTA President Elect 2023, Conference Committee, Governance Committee, Executive Committee, Election Committee

Major Accomplishments

I am a published essayist and the author of several Middle Grade and Young Adult novels.

Publications

2022, <p>My Golden Horse, Fire and Ice Young Adult Books </p>—2014, <p>White Pine: My Year as a Lumberjack and River Rat, Melange Books</p>—2012, <p>A Horse Named Viking, Melange Books</p>

Statement

I have worked in school library services for fifteen years, first, as an elementary school librarian, and now, as the Library Media Coordinator for the Eau Claire Area School District. As a child, school and public libraries were my sanctuary where my imagination took flight. I believe in the critical importance of libraries in promoting learning, diversity, and intellectual freedom, the pursuit of individual interests and needs, providing access, and supporting our communities. In my professional practice, I have observed challenges to intellectual freedom and other core values held dear by librarians. I am running for office because I see these challenges as a call to action and because I want to give back to and support this profession.

Links

[@CAkervik](https://www.facebook.com/HorseNamedViking)
<http://carolineakervik.blogspot.com>

ALA Membership Years: 2.0

Divisions: AASL

Round Tables: IFRT,LIRT,SUSTR

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Ana Elisa De Campos Salles (She/Her)
District Manager
San Francisco Public Library
San Francisco, CA
Public

Previous Positions

Branch Manager, San Francisco Public Library, 2019-2021—Senior Librarian, Palo Alto City Library, 2016-2019—Adult and Teen Services Librarian, District of Columbia Public Library, 2012-2016

Degrees and Certifications

Catholic University, MS Library and Information Science, 2012
Institute of Archaeology, University College London, MS Forensic Archaeological Science, 2004
Boston College, BS Environmental Geoscience, 2000
Boston College, BA History, 2000

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Executive Board Member 2021-2024
ALA Council Councilor-at-large 2016-2021
ALA Budget Analysis and Review Committee 2022-2024
ALA President-elect Advisory Committee Member 2020-2022
ALA Committee on Committees Member 2019-2020
Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (ODLOS) Advisory Committee Member 2019-2020
Spectrum Advisory Committee, Committee on Diversity, ODLOS Member 2016-2018
Spectrum Scholarship Jury, ODLOS Chair 2016
Spectrum Scholarship Jury, ODLOS Member 2015
Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Library Information Technology Association Member 2016-2017
Rainbow Round Table (RRT) Fundraising Committee Member 2020-2022
RRT Executive Board Past-chair 2019-2020
Round Table Coordinating Assembly Member 2018-2020
RRT Executive Board Chair 2018-2019
RRT Executive Board Incoming Chair 2017-2018
RRT Executive Board Director-at-large 2014-2017
RRT Representative to the Young Adult Library Services Association 2013-2015

Officers Held

Library and Information Science (LIS) Alumni Association: Past President, Catholic University, 2016-2017
Standard I Committee on Accreditation, Department of Library and Information Science, Catholic University: Member, 2015-2016
LIS Alumni Association, Catholic University: President, 2014-2016

LIS Alumni Association, Catholic University: Vice-president, 2013-2014
LIS Alumni Association, Catholic University: Director-at-large, 2012-2013
District of Columbia Library Association: Member, 2011-2016

Honors and Awards

ALA Rainbow Round Table Boa Award, 2020
ALA Emerging Leader, 2013
Graduate of the Year, School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University, 2012
ALA Spectrum Scholar, 2011
Travel Grant, Dorot Foundation, 2000
Travel Award, Boston College Theology Department Endowment for Judaic Studies, 2000

Major Accomplishments

ALA Executive Board

Since 2021, I have actively participated in helping steer this association, carefully and steadily, out of an untenable financial situation made dire by the COVID-19 pandemic. My voting record and participation while on the board is documented and accessible to all members of the association. I'm humbled to have the privilege of serving alongside so many fabulous and dedicated members across the association during these challenging times.

Council

Advocated for and co-drafted ALA Statement Affirming the Rights of Transgender People, press release 06/23/2020.

Co-drafted and seconded CD#41, Resolution in Support of Civil Rights Protections for People of Diverse Gender Identities, 2019 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Part of a post-Annual group of Councilors who drafted a survey to assess preferences for future Council Fora times, 2018.

Co-drafted and sponsored CD#42, Resolution on Gender Inclusive Bathrooms at ALA Conferences and Meetings, 2018 ALA Annual Conference.

Supported numerous tribute and memorial resolutions honoring luminaries and friends including Mary Biblo, Mary Ghikas, the 50th Anniversary of the Rainbow Round Table, Ellen Greenblatt, Walter "Cat" Walker.

Additional contributions while on the Rainbow Round Table Board.

Statement

I would like to run for Councilor-at-large because I want to continue contributing to the important work of this association. We came out of a pandemic and financial precarity in time to be besieged by unprecedented attacks on our president, our association, and what we stand for. I would like to continue helping to support library workers everywhere in the US as we all lean into being strategic, steadfast, and strong against continued attacks on intellectual freedom, censorship, and what we do for our communities every day. Internally, I want to support the executive board in helping streamline how we do what we do specifically in order to be more strategic about our mission, goals, and reach locally as well as nationally. We need to be ever more intentional, focused, and persistent in how we approach adversity. With your vote, I hope to continue contributing to our

association. I'm excited to see how we come together to get through this difficult time. Our association will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in just a couple of years; I look forward to this milestone in the knowledge we will be celebrating a stronger, more vibrant, and dynamic association.

Links

LinkedIn Profile: www.linkedin.com/in/aedcs

ALA Membership Years: 11.0

Divisions:

Round Tables: EMIERT,IFRT,RRT,SRRT

Spectrum Scholar: Yes

Emerging Leader: Yes

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association

Black Caucus of ALA

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking

Jim DelRosso (he/him)
Assistant Director
Cornell University, Catherwood Library
Ithaca, NY
Academic

Previous Positions

Interim Assistant Director, Catherwood Library, Cornell University, April 2020-May 2021—Digital Projects Coordinator, Catherwood Library, Cornell University, November 2011-April 2020—Web & Digital Projects Manager, Catherwood Library, Cornell University, January 2009-November 2011

Degrees and Certifications

Syracuse University, Masters of Science of Library and Information Science, 2009; Syracuse University, Certificate of Advanced Study in Digital Libraries, 2009; Cornell University, Masters of Public Administration, 2003; Cornell University, Bachelors of Science, Policy Analysis, 1999.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Code of Conduct member 2023-present

ALA Resolutions member 2023-present

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee member 2019-2021

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Task Force on Facial Recognition Software co-chair 2019-2021

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Task Force Reviewing the Resolution in Defense of the Free Speech of Supporters of the Movement for Palestinian Rights member 2019-2020

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Digital Resources & Services Q&A Working Group member 2019

ALA Intellectual Freedom & Social Justice Task Force member 2021-2022

Officers Held

Special Libraries Association Academic Division, Past-Chair 2017, Chair 2016, Chair-Elect 2015, Communications & Social Media Chair 2010-2012.

Special Libraries Association Upstate New York Chapter, Awards Chair 2015, Past-President and Nominations Chair 2014, President 2013, President 2012.

Major Accomplishments

Cornell University Library's Academic Assembly Steering Committee, member 2015-2017 and 2021-present, chair 2016-2017, co-chair 2021-2023.

Publications

2020, <p>Faulder, E. and DelRosso, J. "How to Run a Repository: Open Documentation of 15 Years’ Experience", Journal of Digital Media Management, (8)2.</p>—2017, <p>Geraci, A. and DelRosso, J. "To Collect and Preserve: The State of State-Level CBA Collections in the U.S.",

2017, Labor Studies Journal, (42)3, pp. 165-179. doi: 10.1177/0160449X17703485—2017, <p>Shea, A., Steinhart, G., and DelRosso, J. "A Team- and Project-Based Approach to Advancing Scholarly Communication Initiatives across the Library", Research Library Issues no. 291, pp. 6-18. doi: 10.29242/rli.291.2</p>

Statement

Libraries and library workers are under an almost unprecedented level of attack in the United States. Every day brings more news of attempted book bans, bomb threats, and library workers being harassed or fired. The American right wing -- both on Twitter and from the statehouse -- demands that we suppress the history not just of racism, sexism, transphobia and homophobia, but also the stories of success and joy that people of color and queer people have managed to claim for themselves. Merely being a library worker of color, or a queer librarian, is enough to make one a target, and ALA itself has been targeted for electing such colleagues to leadership positions. We have to fight back, as people and as an organization. ALA has a long way to go to truly be an organization that stands fast against bigotry, but if it doesn't embrace that path then it is not ready for the moment we find ourselves in. If elected, I would do everything I could to help support the transformation of ALA into such an organization, and push back against those who attack our colleagues and our work.

Links

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jim-delrosso/>

ALA Membership Years: 12.0

Divisions: ACRL,RUSA

Round Tables: IFRT,SRRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Michele Fenton
Librarian I/Cataloger
Indiana State Library
Indianapolis, IN
Other State Library

Previous Positions

Monograph Catalog Librarian, Indiana State Library, 2000-Present

Degrees and Certifications

University of North Carolina-Greensboro, MLIS, 1998

ALA or APA Activities

ALA International Relations Round Table International Leads Newsletter Co-Editor 2021-2023.
ALA International Relations Round Table Papers and Projects Committee Chair 2023-Present.
ALA International Relations Round Table Papers and Projects Committee Co-chair 2022-2023.
ALA International Relations Round Table Poster Session Committee Chair 2021-2022
ALA International Relations Round Table Poster Session Committee Co-Chair 2019-2021
ALA International Relations Round Table Poster Session Committee Member 2018-2019
ALA Library History Round Table Member at Large 2022-Present.

Officers Held

Black Caucus of the American Library Association Secretary, 2022-Present.
Black Caucus of the American Library Association Assistant Secretary, 2020-2022.
JCLC Call to Action Task Force Member 2022-Present.

Honors and Awards

Black Caucus of the American Library Association Professional Achievement Award, 2021.
Black Caucus of the American Library Association Appreciation Award, 2017.
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)-IMLS Fellowship, 2016.
9th National Conference of African American Librarians (NCAAL) Poster Session Honorable Mention Award, 2015.
Distinguished Service to the Black Caucus of the American Library Association Award, 2014.

Major Accomplishments

Diverse BookFinder: I'm a volunteer contributor to the metadata community of practice. I read and code children's books using processes established by the Diverse BookFinder to aid in the discoverability of literature for children and youth featuring BIPOC characters.

LHRT Reads: Co-hosted with Amanda Belantara. We moderate a book discussion group in which participants read and discuss books dealing with the history of libraries and librarianship.

Rule No. 5: The Library is a Growing Organism – Curated by Amanda Belantara and A.M. Alpin, New York University: I was one of several catalog librarians interviewed for the “Joy of Cataloging” portion of the exhibit.

Unseen Labor – Curated by Ann Kardos, University of Massachusetts-Amherst: I was one of several librarians who contributed cross-stitch and embroidery pieces on cataloging and metadata to the exhibit. My embroidery piece was on Dr. Doris Hargrett Clack (1928-1995), an African American librarian who made significant contributions to cataloging.

Publications

2014, <p>Fenton, Michele: "Stepping Out on Faith: Lillian Haydon Childress Hall, Pioneer Black Librarian," Indiana Libraries, Volume 33, Number 1, 2014.</p>—2022, <p>Fenton, Michele. "A Light in the Circle City: A History of Public Library Services to African Americans in Indianapolis, Indiana," Libraries: Culture, History, and Society (Pennsylvania State University Press), Volume 6, Number 2, 2022.</p>—2023, <p>Fenton, Michele: "Reviewed Work: E. J. Josey: Transformational Leader of the Modern Library Profession by Renate Chancellor," Libraries: Culture, History and Society (Pennsylvania State University Press), Volume 7, Number 1, 2023.</p>

Statement

I want to do whatever I can to help ALA grow its membership, increase member engagement, expand professional development opportunities, support and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, build international relations among libraries, institutions, and associations across the world, and to remain a strong and viable organization that supports, encourages, and empowers libraries, library workers, LIS students, library associations, library supporters, and library users now and in the future. If elected, I will work hard and do my best to help ALA move forward.

Links

Little Known Black Librarian Facts Blog: <http://littleknownblacklibrarianfacts.blogspot.com/>

ALA Membership Years: 25.0

Divisions: ACRL,CORE

Round Tables: EMIERT,IRRT,LHRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Black Caucus of ALA

Cathi Fuhrman (she/her/hers)
High School Librarian
State College Area School District
Columbia, PA
School

Degrees and Certifications

University of Delaware, Educational Doctorate, 2011; Drexel University, MSLIS, 2001; Millersville University, Bachelor of Science in Education, Library Science, 1993.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Core Cataloging: Children's and Youth Materials Committee, 2023 - present;
ALA Intellectual Freedom Roundtable, Member, 2022 - Present;
ALA EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Assembly, Member, 2020 – Present;
ALA State Intellectual Freedom Network (SIFnet), Member, 2021 – present;
AASL Board, Director at Large-Chapters, 2022 - Present;
AASL Chapter Assembly Chair, Past Chair, Chair-Elect, 2019 – 2022;
AASL ELSL (Educators of School Librarians Section), Member, 2018 – 2020;
AASL Beyond the Words Jury Committee, Member, 2016-2020;

Officers Held

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association:
Immediate Past President, 2020-2021;
President, 2019-2020;
President-Elect, 2018-2019;
Vice President, Conference Co-Chair, 2017-2018;
Intellectual Freedom Task Group, Co-Chair, 2023-Present, Steering Committee, 2022 - Present;
Advocacy Committee, 2017 - Present;
Teaching and Learning Committee, Co-Chair, 2016-2017;
Board of Directors, 2011 – 2014;
Legislation Committee, Member, 1995 – 2017, Chairperson, 1998 - 2002;

Honors and Awards

Outstanding School Library Program, Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA), 2017;
Lilead Fellows Program Participant, 2015-16;
Media Specialist Technology Innovation Award, International Society for Technology in Education SIGMS, 2010;
Outstanding Individual School Library Media Center, Hempfield High School, PSLA, 2010;
Library Services and Technology Act grants, Commonwealth Libraries, 2005, 2006, 2008;
Beatrice U. Datesman Award, Millersville University, 1993;
Outstanding Student Award, Pennsylvania School Librarians Association, PSLA, 1993;

Major Accomplishments

Library Department Supervisor for 21 years, leading school librarians in 10 schools;
AASL Commendation, 2022, Schlow to School Program: School and public library collaboration;
As PSLA President, co-organized the Rally to Restore Philadelphia School Librarians, held on January 24, 2020 at the Philadelphia Board of Education;
LSTA Grant Coordinator, PSLA, Leadership Development in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, 2020/21;
Pennsylvania Department of Education, Act 13 Stakeholder Advisory Committee (2020);
Lilead Project (2015/16 Lilead Fellow): One of 25 supervisors in U.S. Long-term professional development opportunity for a small group of selected library supervisors;
PSLA Activities: PA Model Curriculum Revision (2019), PA School Library Guidelines 2019, PA Model Curriculum (2011, 2012), Communication and Advocacy and Teacher Effectiveness/SLO;
Served on multiple Ed.D dissertation committees;

Publications

2022, <p>(2022). Fuhrman, C. "The power and pitfalls of virtual professional development. "Knowledge Quest, 50(3), 16-23.</p>—2020, <p>With Kachel, D. (2020). "Levering school library programs during the pandemic." The Pennsylvania Administrator, 24(3), 18-19.</p>—2017, <p>With Grigsby, S. (2017). "Making the digital shift? Your greatest asset may already be in your building: School librarians are well versed in the evaluation of online, print and digital resources," THE Journal, 44(2), 29-31.</p>

Statement

I believe that developing a strong library ecosystem in which all types of libraries support each other and work together promises a robust future for the library profession and ALA. Each type of library presents unique learning opportunities for different stakeholders—students, parents, citizens, legislators, and business and government employees – a strong, unbreakable network. Working together, we can strengthen the ALA Ecosystem Initiative by breaking barriers and removing silos. As an association, all librarians need to recognize the fundamental library principles that unite us and not what separates us. What makes the library Ecosystem strong is our common vision that all citizens have a right to access the information and ideas they seek, regardless of what type of library they are accessing and/or best meets their needs. Now, more than ever, our message needs to be clear, compelling, and a consensus of our values for all who use libraries.

Links

<https://about.me/cathifuhrman>

<https://www.antioch.edu/faculty/cathi-fuhrman/>

ALA Membership Years: 30.0

Divisions: AASL,ALSC,YALSA

Round Tables: IFRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Travis Givens (He/Him)
Head of Access Services
Elmhurst University - A.C. Buehler Library
Naperville, IL
Academic

Degrees and Certifications

Chicago State University, MSLIS, 2023; Governors State University, Interdisciplinary Studies, 2019.

Major Accomplishments

I was elected to Library Trustee on April 4, 2017 for Riverdale Public Library District.

Statement

When I started college, I wanted to do something that involved helping people. In September 2015, at South Suburban College library, I began my library career as a student worker. The way I described how I knew this was it for me: We aren't good at everything we do. Some things can be taught or practiced to get better at, some things we give up on entirely, and some things we are just natural at. For me, that was working in a library. I understood call numbers, range labels, course reserves, and more on the first try. People came in and out for assistance, and I was able to help them. I was solving problems, finding them the answers they needed. This line of work means everything to me, and in any way I can be involved and help shape its direction, I would love to do so.

Links

www.linkedin.com/in/travis-j-givens-bb6052173

ALA Membership Years: 2.0

Divisions: ACRL

Round Tables: LRRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Black Caucus of ALA

Lucia Gonzalez
Director
In Other Words, LLC
Hialeah, FL

Previous Positions

Director, North Miami Public Library, 06/2011 - 01/2022—Associate Director, Broward County Library System, 02/2003 - 03/2009—Librarian V, Miami Dade Public Library System, 11/1998 01/2003

Degrees and Certifications

University of South Florida, MSLIS, 1991; University of California Santa Barbara, BA, 1983

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Association for Library Service to Children President 2021-22
ALA Association for Library Service to Children/Pura Belpre Committee Chair
ALA Association for Library Service to Children/Caldecott Committee Member
ALA Association for Library Service to Children/Quicklists Committee Chair

Officers Held

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, President, 2010-11
REFORMA, Children and Young Adult Services Committee, Chair, 2006-2015

Honors and Awards

2023 REFORMA's Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement Award
2015 recipient Library Journal's Movers & Shakers Award - Advocacy
2009 Jane Addams Children's Book Award, Honor Book.
2009 Américas Award, Honor
2008 recipient Library Journal's Movers & Shakers Award - Storyteller
2008 ALA/ALSC Pura Belpré Children's Literature Honor Medal for narrative
1998 Selected USF/SLIS Alumni Society as the School's 1998 Outstanding Graduate.
1996 ALA/ALSC Pura Belpré Children's Literature Honor Medal for narrative

Major Accomplishments

Associate Director in charge of Outreach, Family Literacy, and Youth Services for Broward County, FL., Library System (2003-2009). Library Director for the City of North Miami, FL (2011-2022). Author of three award-winning children's books: The Bossy Gallito, winner of the 1996 Pura Belpré Children's Literature Honor Medal; Señor Cat's Romance and Other Favorite Stories from Latin America, an Américas Award Commended Title; and The Storyteller's Candle, winner of the 2009 Pura Belpré Children's Literature Honor Medal for narrative. Past-President of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish

Speaking (2010-11); 2020-21 President of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a Division of the American Library Association.

Publications

2010, <p>"Celebrating Culture, Reading, & Family Literacy @ the Library with the Latino Reading and Literacy Programs El dia de los niños/El dia de los libros and Noche de Cuentos. Paper presented to the 2010 IFLA session on Libraries Promoting Reading in a Multicultural, Multilingual Society, 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden</p>—2000, <p>"Cultural Integration at the Library". Library Services to Youth of Hispanic Heritage: Proceedings from the Trejo Foster Foundation Fourth National Institute. McFarland & Company Inc., 1999</p>—2010, <p>"Storytelling and Recently Arrived Latino Children in the Elementary Classroom." Celebrating Cuentos: Latino Children’s Literature and Literacy in Classrooms and Libraries. Jamie Campbell Naidoo, Editor. Libraries Unlimited, November 2010</p>

Statement

If elected for ALA Councilor at Large, my objective is to contribute to moving forward the work of our association and to be part of the national dialog and the decision making process with ALA in support of all libraries, all librarians, and librarianship.

Links

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucia_M._Gonzalez

ALA Membership Years: 34.0

Divisions: ALSC

Round Tables: CSKBART,LIRT,SUSTRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking

Mario Gonzalez
Executive Director
Passaic Public Library
Passaic, NJ
Public

Degrees and Certifications

Harvard Business School, Executive Education Program; Columbia University, Teachers College, M.Ed., Adult Education (in progress); Pratt Institute, Graduate School of Library & Information Science, M.L.I.S.; City College of New York, B.A., Spanish & Psychology; Florida Institute of Technology, Aerospace Engineering Program.

ALA or APA Activities

Senior Trustee, ALA Endowment, 2021-2023; Trustee of ALA Foundation, 2013-2016, 2018-2021; Treasurer of ALA, 2013-2016; Executive Board, 2006-2009, 2013-2016; Chair Finance & Audit Committee, 2013-2016; Councilor-At-Large, 1996-present; Chair of Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC), 2010-2011; Member of Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC), 2006-2012; Finance & Audit Committee, 2010-2011; ALA Finances 101 (a.k.a. Financial Planning Seminar) 2006-2012; Planning & Budget Assembly (PBA), 1997-1999 and 2006-2016; President's Steering Committee, 2009-2011; ALA President's Task Force on Elections, 2008-2011; ALA Campaign for America's Libraries, 2009-present; ALA International Relations Committee (IRC), 2004-2006; ALA Nominating Committee, 2003-2004; ALA Committee on Committees, 2002-2003; ALA Chapter Relations Committee, 2001-2003; ALA World Book/Gale Award Committee, 2001; ALA Literacy Assembly, 1998-1999; Public Library Association (PLA) Board of Directors, 2004-2007; PLA Leadership Committee, 2007-2012; PLA Nominating Committee, 2006; RUSA Executive Board, 1992-1995; ASCLA Board, 2000-2003; EMIERT President, Executive Board, Committees and member, 1998-present; ALA Committee on Pay Equity, 1993-1995; Member of Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), Social Responsibility Roundtable (SRRT), Intellectual Freedom Roundtable (IFRT)

Officers Held

Treasurer, Freedom to Read Foundation; New Jersey Library Association (NJLA), member; Chinese-American Library Association (CALA), Life Member; Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), member; REFORMA National Association, Life Member, President, 1991-1992; Executive Board, 1986-1994; Chair, Exhibits Committee, First National Conference, 1995-1997; Northeast Chapter (NY, NJ, PA, MA, CT) Founding Member; President, 1998-1990; Treasurer, 2001-2008; Co-Founder REFORMA Puerto Rico Chapter; Passaic/Essex County NJ Area Library Consortium (PALS Plus), Treasurer, President, and member 2009-present; Rotary Club International - Passaic NJ Chapter, Treasurer and President, 2009-present; Fairfield CT Library Directors Group (FLAG), Scholarship Committee and Life Member; Greenwich Alliance for Education, Board of Directors; Greenwich Hospital, Community Advisory Board Member.

Honors and Awards

ALA Treasurer Award, 2016; Appreciation Award, ALA Executive Board, 2006-2009; Recognition Award, Mayor, City of Passaic, NJ, 2009; Connecticut Award for Excellence in Public Library Architecture, 2005; Connecticut Library Association Excellence in Public Relations Award, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008; Town of Greenwich Team of the Year Award - Greenwich Library, 2002; Brooklyn Borough President Award for Serving People with Disabilities; REFORMA Librarian of the Year Award, 1994; Pura Belpre Award at the United Nations for Outstanding Service to the Spanish Speaking in the Northeastern U.S., 1993; Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Award for Service to the Homeless, 1989.

Major Accomplishments

Team Leader and Panel Reviewer of several Government Grants, NEH, IMLS and U.S. Dept. of Education; Guest Speaker on Library Services, Finances and Budgets at Universities in Mexico (in Spanish), Costa Rica (in Spanish) and Kosovo, invited by the U.S. Dept. of State; Library Trustee, President, Treasurer, and Secretary, Orangeburg Library, Orangeburg, New York; Adjunct Professor, Long Island (NY) University, Palmer School of Library and Information Science; Faculty Advisor, Empire State (NY) College; Advisory Board Member, Facts-on-File Publications, Advisory Board Member, New York City Mayor's Office for Persons with Disabilities; Chair, New York City Literacy Alliance Staff Development on Disabilities Committee; Consultant, ESOL Programs & Services, World Language Collection Development in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Texas; interviewed for documentary film, "A Gift of Joy-Serving the Aging" (1999) to record my work with older adults and libraries in Brooklyn, NY.

Publications

<p>"Looking at a Gift Horse in the Mouth: Developing Gift Policies for Public Libraries", Association of Connecticut Library Boards.</p>—<p>Como Interesar a Sus Hijos en Leer" (How to Interest Your Child in Reading), La Familia de Hoy.</p>—<p>"Latin American, Latino (U.S.), Spain and Portugal", Magazines for Libraries, R.R. Bowker.</p>

Statement

As a paraprofessional, faculty member, trustee and administrator, I have consistently advocated for the importance of libraries as informational and cultural centers. I have been working in public libraries and research libraries for more than half of my life providing services and outreach to all: children, young adults, people with disabilities and especially to the traditionally underserved. I have taught library science programs. I am successful in bringing together people of diverse backgrounds and interests to improve library and information services. As a member of the ALA Council, I will continue to work hard for you by keeping ALA responsive to the needs and concerns of all its members as the organization transitions into new structures; ensure a balance between functions of the ALA offices and membership units; keeping ALA focused on member-driven priorities; and strengthening the voice of the Association in national and international forums.

ALA Membership Years: 38.0

Divisions: ACRL,ALSC,PLA

Round Tables: EMIERT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association

Chinese American Librarians Association

Black Caucus of ALA

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking

American Indian Library Association

Sonnet Ireland (she/her)
Library Director
Slidell, LA
Public

Previous Positions

Director, Washington Parish Library, January 2022-current—Branch Manager, Reference Librarian, St. Tammany Parish Library, April 2016-January 2022—Government Documents/Reference Librarian, Earl K. Long Library, University of New Orleans, January 2009-April 2016

Degrees and Certifications

Medical Library Association, Disaster Information Specialization (DIS) II, June 2023
Medical Library Association, Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) II, December 2020
National Council for Mental Wellbeing, Youth Mental Health First Aid USA Certification, December 2020
National Council for Mental Wellbeing, Adult Mental Health First Aid USA Certification, October 2020
University of Michigan/edX, Public Library Management Professional Certificate, 2018
Texas Woman's University, Master in Library and Information Science, 2008
Loyola University New Orleans, Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies, minor in World Religions, 2004

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Councilor at Large 2021-2024
ALA Policy Corps, 2020 Cohort
ALA Emerging Leader, Class of 2010
ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT):
Conference Committee, Chair, 2018-2019
Assisted with planning the 2018 GODORT Reception and Awards Ceremony
Assisted with planning the 2011 GODORT Reception and Awards Ceremony
Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO), Intern, 2009-2010
GITCO Ad Hoc Communications Subcommittee on Tools for Training and Knowledge Sharing, 2009-2010
Ad Hoc Communications Committee of GODORT, 2009-2010

Officers Held

Louisiana Library Association (LLA), Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), Chair, July 2023-June 2024
LLA, GODORT, 2nd Vice Chair, July 2022-June 2023
LLA, Social Media Committee Chair, July 2022-June 2025
LLA, Past President, July 2021-June 2022
LLA, President, July 2019 - June 2021
LLA, Vice-President/President-Elect, July 2018 - June 2019

LLA, 2nd Vice-President, July 2017 - June 2018
LLA, Academic Section, Chair, July 2015 - June 2016
LLA, Academic Section, Vice Chair, July 2014 - June 2015

Southeastern Library Association (SELA), GODORT, Chair, 2016-2017

NOLA Information Literacy Collective (nolaILC), Chair of Executive Board, 2013-2014, 2016-2017
nolaILC, Member of Executive Board, 2013-2018

Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium (LALINC), Information Literacy Committee, 2011-2013

Honors and Awards

Louisiana Library Association (LLA) Public Librarian of the Year, 2022
The Reference Librarian Top Cited Author for the article "Fake news alerts: Teaching news literacy skills in a meme world" becoming one of the top cited articles in The Reference Librarian, 2021.
LLA GODORT Recognition Certificate, 2012

Major Accomplishments

Saving little kitty lives with the help of my library staff!

<https://www.bogalusedailynews.com/2022/08/12/washington-parish-library-staff-saves-kitten-trapped-in-plastic/>

Writing several successful grant proposals, allowing my small library system in a rural parish (county) to serve the community more now than ever.

Fighting alongside the St. Tammany Library Alliance in defending the local library system (where I reside in St. Tammany Parish) from coordinated attacks by an organized group seeking to defund all libraries in Louisiana.

Being invited to speak on the issue of censorship in Louisiana libraries for the Tennessee Williams & New Orleans Literary Festival/Saints Sinners LGBTQ Literary Festival in 2023.

Being accepted into Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society (2022).

Being invited as a guest speaker to present my research on race and ethnicity in the U.S. Census at Yale University for Eye on the Count: Census 2020 (2019).

Publications

2018, Ireland, Sonnet: "Fake News Alerts: Teaching News Literacy Skills in a Meme World," The Reference Librarian (Taylor & Francis), Volume 59, Issue 3, p122-128, 2018.

doi:10.1080/02763877.2018.1463890. —2017, Ireland, Sonnet: "Information Literacy and Instruction: For Your Information: Using Information Literacy in Public Libraries," Reference & User Services Quarterly (RUSA), Volume 57, Number 1, p12-16, 2017.

doi:10.5860/rusq.57.1.6436. —2016, Ireland, Sonnet: "Going Viral: U.S. Government Information Online," Paper at IFLA WLIC 2016 — Connections. Collaboration. Community in Session 99 — Government Information and Official Publications with Government Libraries and Law Libraries, Columbus, OH, August 15, 2016. 10p: <http://library.ifla.org/id/eprint/1379>

Statement

I have gained a better understanding of how ALA Council works, and I plan to work with other councilors to advocate for library staff with disabilities and chronic illnesses. I would like to work on creating a group dedicated to this—a Caucus or Round Table focused on these issues in our field. I am also dedicated to fighting back against censorship and the negative effects it has in our communities. I would like to see workers from smaller and more rural libraries share their experiences with each other so that we can keep track of trends and devise ways to fight back more effectively. I recognize that I have enough privilege to openly work on these issues without as much risk of repercussions, and I would like to use that privilege to help create a better field for others who suffer from disabilities, mental illness, and/or chronic illness.

Links

<https://sonnetireland.wordpress.com/>

ALA Membership Years: 12.0

Divisions:

Round Tables: RRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

American Indian Library Association

Susan Jennings (She/Her)
Dean of Library Services
Chattanooga State Community College
Chattanooga, TN
Academic

Previous Positions

Dean, Library Services, Chattanooga State Community College, August 2012 - present—Lead Librarian for Desk Services, Appalachian State University, June 2008 - July 2012—Lower Level Desk Manager (Periodicals, Films, Microforms, Gov Docs), Appalachian State University, October 2005 - June 2008

Degrees and Certifications

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), Knoxville, Tennessee, Master of Science (Information Sciences, ALA Accredited), 2007.

Appalachian State University (ASU), Boone, North Carolina, Master of Arts (U.S. History - Southern Religious History), 1998.

Appalachian State University (ASU), Boone, North Carolina, Bachelor of Arts (Major: European History / Minor: Communication Arts), 1987 (Magna cum Laude)

ALA or APA Activities

American Library Association (ALA) (2005 – present) - Lifetime Member

ALA Presidential Advisory Group – Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., 2019-2021

ALA Executive Director Search Committee, Member, 2019-2020

Awards Committee – 2018-2019, Chair, Member, 2019-2020

Chapter Relations Committee – Member, 2018-2019, Chair, 2017-2018, Chair, 2019-2020

Orientation Committee – Member, 2019-2020

TLA/ALA Councilor, 2019-2022

ALA Councilor at Large, 2015-2017

Resolutions Committee, Member, 2013-2015

New members Roundtable NMRT 2005-2015

3M/NMRT Grant Committee, Member, Chair 2009-2010

Resume Review Committee, Member, 2010-11

Mentoring Committee, Member, 2009-2010,

NMRT Councilor, 2013- 2015

Association of College and Research Libraries ACRL 2005 – 2007, 2008-present

ACRL Conference Workshop Programs Committee, Member, 2022

ACRL Conference Poster Sessions Committee, Member, 2019-2021

ACRL Committee on Committees, Member, 2013-2014

ACRL College & University Section, Member, 2012-present

ACRL Instruction Section IS, Member, 2005 – 2007

Officers Held

Tennessee Library Association TLA, Member 2005 -2022, 2023 - present

TLA Academic Libraries Representative to the Board, 2023-present
TLA Board, 2023 – Present
TLA Academic Libraries Roundtable, Representative, 2023 - present
TLA Chapter Councilor, 2019-2022
Facilitator, Board Retreat on Organizational Change, June 9, 2018
Past-President, 2016-2017
President 2 consecutive terms, 2014-2016
Vice President/President Elect, 2013-2014
Membership Committee, Co-Chair, 2010-11
Scholarship Committee, Member, 2010-11, 2016-2017
Strategic Planning, Co-Chair, 2016-2017
Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries, Member 2014-2016, TN State Library & Archives
SACSCOC Certified Library Reviewer, 2017-present
University of Tennessee UTK School of Information Sciences SIS
SIS Awards Committee, Member, 2019-2020
SIS Alumni Advisory Board, Member, 2017-2020
Alumni Board, Member, 2007-2009

Honors and Awards

2022 UTK School of Information Sciences (UTK SIS) Distinguished Alumni Award
2021 Chattanooga State's Professional Staff Excellence Award
2018 Harvard Graduate School of Education, Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, Class of 2018
2017 Tennessee Library Association Honor Award (TLA) (highest associational honor)
2011 Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Immersion Class ("Intentional Teaching")
2010 American Library Association (ALA) Emerging Leaders Class of 2010
2007 UTK School of Information Sciences (UTK SIS) Outstanding Service Award
2006 Gary R. Purcell Scholarship Recipient
1997 Lynn May Research Grant recipient (Southern Baptist Convention Library and Archives)

Major Accomplishments

Led my library to provide alternative services to our students during the pandemic with protecting our staff.
Led TLA in restructuring in a more streamlined organizational structure following my two conference themes of "Where Everyone Has a Place at the Table," and "Dare to Imagine" to provide an opportunity for inclusion of everyone in the association and to reimagine a new association to carry us into the 21st Century.
Developed a large network of professional colleagues in ALA over the past 19 years.
Shepherded a total user centered renovation of our library as the Dean of Library Services.
Managed a zero based budget each year (never going over budget – despite major cuts in 2013)
Instituted the first ever Library Instruction Program/Plan at KLIC.
Served on the ALA Executive Director Search 2019
Known as a passionate, visionary, transformational library leader
Coordinated a campus wide Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion workshop led by ALA ODLOS which successfully brought these issues to a larger audience

Publications

2012, <p>Jennings, Susan L. "To Tweet, or not to tweet," Reference Services Review 40, no.2 (2012): 214-216.</p>—2011, <p>With Ken Johnson, "Ending the Turf War: Circulation, Reference, and Instruction on One Team," Journal of Access Services 8, no.3 (2011): 107-124.</p>—2011, <p>With Ken Johnson, "Managing Overnight," In C. Smallwood (Ed.), Library Management Tips That Work Jennings, Chicago: American Library Association, 2011: 56–59.</p>

Statement

Those that know me well know that I bring a great passion to the table for the work we do. After a three year hiatus to allow other voices at the table, I now feel led to join the fight once again. Libraries, its users, and even our association is under attack. I would like to lend my efforts toward defending every library user the right to read and seek knowledge without impediment as is our fundamental right. I will bring my passion and my voice to help assure that libraries continue to be a welcoming place for all. I also will support and mentor those new to or considering the profession to help them find their voice and place of service within our professional associations, both at the state chapter level as well as national associations. Making these connections is vital to our future success.

ALA Membership Years: 19.0

Divisions: ACRL

Round Tables: IFRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

Charles Kratz (he/him/his)
Dean Emeritus
University of Scranton Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Memorial
Stroudsburg, PA
Academic

Previous Positions

Dean, University of Scranton Weinberg Memorial Library, 1991-2019—Dean Emeritus, University of Scranton Weinberg Memorial Library, 2019-

Degrees and Certifications

MLS, University of Maryland, 1976.
MA, American History, University of Notre Dame, 1974.
BA. History, University of Notre Dame, 1973.

ALA or APA Activities

Kratz has been an active member of ALA, especially in service to Round Tables. He is currently the Past Convener of the Round Table Coordinating Assembly. He is Co-Coordinator of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and a Past Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table. He is also a member of the Rainbow Round Table, the Retired Members Round Table, the International Relations Round Table and the Sustainability Round Table. Other service includes work on the ALA Awards Committee (2022-2024), on the ALA Committee on Legislation (2018-2022); on the ALA Executive Director Search Committee (2019); on the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (2014-2018); on ALA Council (1999-2008); on the ALA Executive Board (2007-2010), on the 2007 ALA Nominating Committee as Chair, on the LLAMA Board of Directors (1992-1999) where he served as LLAMA President (1997-1998) as well as service on several other division committees. Kratz began his career in the New Members Round Table where he served as President. He is also been an active member of ACRL and LITA and a member of the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Officers Held

Various service in the Pennsylvania Library Association, the New Jersey Library Association, the New York Library Association, and the ACRL/Metropolitan NY Chapter. Also service in PALCI and PALINET.

Honors and Awards

Member, Beta Phi Mu Honor Society.
American Library Association's Library Administration & Management Association Certificate of Achievement Awards in 1994, 1999, and 2001.
Leadership Lackawanna Certificate of Achievement Award, 2000.

Major Accomplishments

Kratz has been an active member of ALA, especially in service to Round Tables. He is currently the Past Convener of the Round Table Coordinating Assembly. He is Co-Coordinator of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and a Past Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table. Other service includes: Middle States Evaluation Teams, 2001-2019; PALCI, Board of Directors, 2005-2011; President, 2007-2008; OCLC Members Council President, 2004-2005.

Statement

As current active member of ALA and of several divisions and round tables, I would like to work in the new smaller footprint of ALA Council to help fight Library censorship, book banning, and the relentless attacks on our libraries, and I would like to work to promote diversity, intellectual freedom, sustainability, and social responsibilities as core values of librarianship. We cannot defeat book bans and prejudice alone. We need to work together. I would be honored to receive your vote and work for you on ALA Council.

Links

Cek422 – Twitter

Charles Kratz - Facebook

ckratz22 - Instagram

ALA Membership Years: 46.0

Divisions: ACRL,CORE

Round Tables: IFRT, RMRT, RRT, SRRT, SUSTRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking

Bradley Kuykendall (He/Him)
Floater Branch Manager
Dayton Metro Library
Dayton, OH
Public

Degrees and Certifications

University of Illinois, MLIS, 2015; Lincoln University of Missouri, BS Business Administration, 2012

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Elections Committee Chair (2022-2023)
American Library Association Spectrum Scholar 2014
BCALA Membership Committee (2018-present)
Black Caucus of American Library Association (BCALA Executive board 2016-2018)
ALA Executive Board Conference Committee (2017-2019)
RUSA member (BRASS membership committee 2018-20)
ALA Spectrum Scholar 2018 Presentation “Networking, What’s in it for me”
ALA Spectrum Scholarship Reviewer (2018-2020)
ALA Governance Committee (2020-2021)
ALA Election Committee (2021-2023)
ALA Chair of Scholarships and Grants Committee (2020-2021)
Awarded ALA Census Grant 2020

Officers Held

Mobius Courier Committee (2018-2020)
2010 Lincoln University Library Collection Development Committee
University of Illinois Information School Alumni Association Treasurer (2018-2022)
Lincoln University Alpha Phi Alpha Campus Advisor and Alpha Advisor (2018)
Lincoln University Delta Mu Delta Campus Advisor (Business Fraternity 2017-2019)
Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Vice President of Beta Zeta Lambda (2018-2021)
Election Poll Judge Supervisor for Cole County Missouri 2019 - 2021
Lincoln University AVPAA Hiring Committee (2017)
Vice President of the Lincoln University Faculty Senate 2017-2018
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Presentation Team Member and Project Leader (2010-2011)

Honors and Awards

ALA Census Grant 2020

Statement

As a candidate for the American Library Association Councilor at Large position, I am deeply concerned about the challenges facing our libraries. Book bans undermine intellectual freedom and limit access to diverse perspectives. I am committed to safeguarding our libraries as inclusive spaces that celebrate the freedom to read and explore ideas. Equally troubling is the defunding of

libraries, which hinders their ability to serve as community resources. I will advocate for funding to ensure that libraries can continue offering essential services, educational programs, and digital resources to all. Moreover, the alarming incidents of violence and threats targeting libraries demand our attention. I will work to support measures that enhance the safety of library staff, patrons, and resources. Every individual deserves a secure environment to engage with knowledge. If elected, I will champion the values that libraries stand for: openness, accessibility, and intellectual growth.

ALA Membership Years: 12.0

Divisions: PLA

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: Yes

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Black Caucus of ALA

Anne Larrivee (she, her, hers)
Collection Strategist Librarian
West Chester University Libraries
West Chester, PA
Academic

Previous Positions

Collection Analyst & Social Science Librarian, Penn Libraries, 08/2017 - 07/2021—Faculty
Engagement and Social Science Librarian, Binghamton University Libraries, 02/2011 -07/2017

Degrees and Certifications

Binghamton University, M.A. Anthropology, 2016;
University of South Florida, M.A. Library and Information Science, 2010;
University of Delaware, B.S. Family and Community Services, 2005

ALA or APA Activities

Core Conference Programming Committee- 072023 - Present
Core Learning and Programming Coordination Committee- 072023 - Present
Core Content Committee- 07/2022 -07-2023
ANSS Executive Board, Chair- 07/ 2017 – 06/ 2018
ANSS Executive Board, Vice Chair/ Chair Elect- 07/ 2016 – 06/ 2017
ACRL/ANSS Conference Planning Committee ALA Orlando, Co-chair- 02/ 2015 – 07/ 2016
RUSA RSS Discovery Services, Chair-07/ 2014 – 2016 & member - 2012 – 2014
ACRL ANSS Membership Committee, Co-chair/Member-at-Large-07/ 2013 – 07/ 2015
ACRL ANSS Nominating 2015 Committee- 01/ 2014 – 07/ 2015
ACRL/EBSS Social Work/Social Welfare Committee- 07/ 2013 – 07/ 2014
ACRL Panel Sessions Committee, Reviewer- 07/ 2013 – 07/ 2014

Officers Held

Society for Applied Anthropology - Anthropology of Higher Education Interest Group Publishing
Chair 03/ 2022 – present
Ivy Plus Library Consortium-Use Data Feasibility Study Team 10/ 2019 – 06/ 2020
IPLC Dataset Feasibility Task Force 10/ 2018 – 04/ 2019
SFAA Board of Anthropology of Higher Education Interest Group 04/ 2017 – 04/ 2020
ENY/ACRL Professional Development Grant Selection Committee-06/ 2016 – 12/ 2016
SUNYLA Conference Planning Committee-10/ 2015 – 06/ 2016
ENY/ACRL Conference Planning Committee-08/ 2014 – 05/ 2015
Academic Librarians' Conference Planning Committee-10/ 2013 – 07/ 2014
ENY/ACRL Conference Planning Lightning Round Session, Chair-07/ 2013 – 05/ 2014
State University of New York Library Association Council, Delegate -04/ 2011 – 08/ 2013

Major Accomplishments

While at Binghamton University I earned my second Masters degree while working toward tenure. In 2016/2017, I succeeded in the completion of an Anthropology Masters degree and earned tenure and promotion.

Publications

2018, <p>Larrivee, A.M. (2018). Makerspaces as Epistemic Communities. In B.L Foster, S. Graham, & J.
Donaldson (Eds.), A broadly anthropological map to positive outcomes for higher education.
Information Age Publishing. [Book Chapter] </p>—2017, <p>Howd, E.M. & Larrivee, A.M. (2017). Breaking through the silos: Collaboration that supports instruction. In B. West, K.D. Hoffman, & M. Costello (Eds.), Creative Approaches to Instructional Design in Libraries: Moving from Theory to Practical Application. Association of College & Research Libraries [Book Chapter] </p>—2023, <p>Larrivee, A.M. (2023). A Call for Author, Library, and Publisher Collaboration to Enhance Open Access. Practicing Anthropology. [Journal Article] </p>

Statement

I am deeply committed to my contribution to libraries and serving as an ALA Councilor at-large provides a great opportunity to support ALA program development, provide advocacy for new policies, and discuss new ideas for growth of the association.

After reading through the duties of the Council (<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/basic-guide-ALA-council-and-resources>), I believe that I could fulfill these responsibilities and actively participate in decision-making.

If elected into this role I would promote ALA's core strategic directions: (1) advocacy, (2) information policy, (3) professional & leadership development, and (4) equity, diversity & inclusion.

I am fortunate to have many experiences and opportunities such as serving as a Peace Corps volunteer, a graduate education in sociocultural anthropology, work within several academic libraries of different sizes, and participating in DEI book clubs and learning groups that have helped shape my perspectives and approach for how to promote the importance of libraries and their needs.

Links

<https://library.wcupa.edu/alarrivee>

ALA Membership Years: 12.0

Divisions: ACRL,CORE

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Andrea Legg (She/Her/Hers)
North Canton Public Library
North Canton, OH
Public

Previous Positions

Director, North Canton Public Library, April 2020 - present—Assistant Director, Tuscarawas County Public Library System, October 2018 - April 2020—Extension & Technical Services Manager, Tuscarawas County Public Library System, February 2010 - October 2018

Degrees and Certifications

Kent State University, MLIS, 2009; Malone University, BA English, 2004.

Officers Held

Power of the Pen, Board Member, 2021 - present
Northeast Ohio Regional Library System, Board Member, 2020 - 2023
Changing Perspectives, Treasurer, 2019 - 2021
Ohio Library Council, Outreach & Special Services Division Committee Member, 2018 - 2020
Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Board Member, 2018 - present
One Book, One Community Tuscarawas County, Chair, 2017
Ohio Library Council, Northeast Chapter Action Council Member, 2012 - 2014

Honors and Awards

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Outreach and Partnership Grant from IMLS - 2022
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Outreach Grant - 2021
Ohio Library Council, Librarian of the Year - 2018
Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries - 2018

Major Accomplishments

Throughout my career in public libraries, whether I found myself in the role of librarian, manager, or director, I have been committed to increasing the accessibility of our buildings and services so that all patrons of all abilities can comfortably use our resources and enjoy the enrichment our organization provides. Inclusion is my personal and professional passion, and I'm so lucky to work in a field that allows me to pursue its expansion in a variety of avenues. In the past fifteen years, I have overseen the development and/or implementation of: an adaptive toy collection, a fidget quilt collection, a wheelchair charging station, a universal changing table in a public restroom, and an Inclusion Fair that endeavored to inspire curious compassion in the children and adults who attended. I make it a priority to partner with our local Board of Developmental Disabilities as well as other advocacy groups to ensure that the public libraries at which I work are as responsive, accessible, and welcoming as possible to all.

Publications

2023, <p>Legg, Andrea: "The Power of One," Special Needs Living Magazine, June 2023. </p>—
2021, <p>Legg, Andrea: "Libraries, Staff Adapt to Serve Communities' Needs and Thrive During
Pandemic," Canton Repository, April 2021.</p>

Statement

I am deeply committed to the many ways that public libraries can include and support children, teens, and adults of all abilities. It's why I serve as a member of the Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and volunteer as a parent mentor in Akron Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. It's also why I have made it my life's work to continually change, adapt, and improve library buildings, services, and materials to better meet the needs of all valued members of our community. If elected, I will bring this sincere dedication and unique insight to the table, always striving to ensure that ALA is considering individuals of all abilities as they seek to further improve their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and extend those tenets to the patrons and students our libraries serve.

ALA Membership Years: 1.0

Divisions:

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Dennis LeLoup
Retired School Librarian
School Library Advisor
Indianapolis, IN
School

Degrees and Certifications

Indiana State University, MS Educational Media, 1988; Indiana State University, MLS Library Science, 1977; Indiana State University, BA English & School Library Services, 1975.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Council, 2010-2013, 2006-2009, 2002-2005; ALA Resolutions Committee, 2011-2015; ALA Planning & Budget Assembly, 2007-2008; ALA Graduated Dues Study Reactor Panel, 2006-2008; ALA Council Orientation Committee, 2004-2007; ALA National Library Week Committee, 1993-1997, 1999-2000; AASL Professional Learning Committee, 2019-2020; AASL Cataloging of Children's Materials Committee, 2018-2019; AASL Professional Development Advisory Group, 2017-2019; AASL Awards Subcommittee: Roald Dahl Miss Honey Social Justice Award, 2015-2016, Committee Chair, 2017-2018; AASL Presidential Initiative Task Force, 2014-2015; AASL External Relations Task Force, 2014-2015; AASL Nominating Committee, 2012-2013, 2001-2002; AASL School Library Media Month Committee, 2011-2014; AASL Parent Outreach Task Force, 2007-2009; AASL Board Liaison to ALA Annual Conference Committee, 2008; AASL Board of Directors, 1997-2001; AASL Legislation Committee, 1999-2006; AASL Recruitment Task Force Committee, 1991-1993; ALSC Newbery Committee, 2018-2020; ALSC Special Collections and Bechtel Fellowship Committee, 2016-Present; ALSC Oral History Committee, 2015-2017; ALSC Caldecott Committee, 2012-2014; ALSC Liaison With National Organizations Serving Children & Youth, 2007-2010; ALSC Research & Development Committee, 1997-2000; ASCLA Americans With Disabilities Act Assembly, 1998-2002.

Officers Held

ALSC Liaisons With National Organizations Serving Children and Youth Co-Chair, 2009-2010; AASL Legislation Committee Co-Chair, 2001-2005; AASL Knowledge Quest Editorial Board, 2000-2003; Indiana Library Federation President, 2012 (President-Elect and Conference Chair, 2011 & Past-President, 2013); Association of Indiana Media Educators (AIME) [now Association for Indiana School Library Educators (AISLE)] President, 1995-1996 (President-Elect and Conference Chair, 1994-1995 and Past-President, 1996-1997); AIME Vice-President for District Programs, 1988-1990; AIME District 7 Director, 1986-1988; AIME District 7 Membership Chair, 1984-1986.

Honors and Awards

AASL Board Member-at-Large, 2009-2011; AASL Treasurer, 2005-2008; AASL Region 3 Director-Elect/Director, 1997-2001; ALSC Caldecott Committee, 2012-2014; Author and recipient of several grants for funding innovative school library programs, 1997-2001; North Central Association Accreditation Committee, Dale, Indiana, 1997 and Madison, Indiana, 1988; Indiana National Library Week Chair and Promotion of School Library Media Month, 1990-1995; Indiana State University

Graduate Assistantships, 1988 and 1976-1977; Indiana State University Academic Scholarships, 1971-1975; Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, 1970-1971; Phi Delta Kappa, 1970-1971.

Major Accomplishments

Linworth Publishing Company Reviewer, 2008-Present and Advisory Board, 1994-1999; Library Talk Reviewer, 1994-2000; Media & Methods Reviewer, 1999-2002; Indiana Media Journal Advertising Editor, 1996-1998; Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) Conference Planning Task Force, 1996; Indiana Department of Education Program Coordinator, Read-Alouds Too Good to Miss and Reading Is Fundamental, 1991-1995; National Association of State Educational Media Professionals (NASTEMP), 1990-1996; Indiana Media Journal Photographer and Associate Editor, 1989-1994; Developer and organizer for a Curriculum Materials Center within the Education Department of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, Summer 1987; numerous ALA, AASL, ALSC, and AIME/AISLE committees.

Publications

2009, <p>"The Many Fibers of Reading!" (Featured Article), Library Media Connection, March/April 2009.</p>—2007, <p>"Saddle Up, Race, and Hang Out: Ideas for the Development of a Winning Reading Program," Media Spectrum, official state publication of MAME (Michigan Association for Media in Education), April/May 2007.</p>—2000, <p>"Information Power in Region 3: Student Achievement is Always the Bottom Line," Knowledge Quest v. 28, #4, March/April 2000.</p>

Statement

I'm a strong advocate for Freedom to Read for all people, children through adults. In this day and age, this freedom is needed more than ever. I'm also a strong advocate for ALL libraries. Although I'm a retired school librarian, I'm still connected with children, young adults, other librarians, and teachers. I will work and advocate for all libraries, who need strong advocates in this day and age. I will also work for freedom of access to materials children and young adults want to read and need to read. Financial resources need to be available to support this right to read!! I will support the rights of children and young adults to read materials they should read, they need to read, and they want to read. Libraries have lost ground and librarians have lost jobs, or faced other issues, due to the challenges of some interest groups. I will always support work efforts and legislation that support ALL libraries and the power of reading. We need to forge new relationships with publishers, distributors, and all businesses that support reading. When we support reading, we are supporting all libraries and our partners involved in the reading process. We also need to propose new legislation that promotes reading and libraries. We need find legislators in all levels of government that will work with us in this process. All students and all libraries are important. Publishers and booksellers are important. All books, whether in print or online are important. Let's find legislators that will work with us in this process. Let's fund libraries and librarians.

ALA Membership Years: 35.0

Divisions: AASL,ALSC

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Katherine Lester (she/her)
Adjunct Faculty - School Libraries
Wayne State University
South Lyon, MI
School

Previous Positions

School Librarian, East Middle School, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Michigan, 8/2013 - 9/2023—School Librarian, Parker Middle School, Howell Public Schools, Michigan, 8/2002 - 8/2013—Software Engineer & Director of Operations, FAAC Inc. Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1980 - 1995

Degrees and Certifications

Wayne State University, MLIS Library and Information Science - School Libraries, 2001; Eastern Michigan University, MA Mathematics, 1988; Michigan State University, BA Major: Mathematics, Minor: Spanish, 1981.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Councilor at Large 2021-2024
ALA Committee on Legislation (COL) 2023-2025
ALA Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) Task Force 2023-2024
ALA Committee on Library Advocacy (COLA) 2019-2023
ALA Ecosystem Subcommittee 2018-2022
AASL Immediate Past-President, President, President-Elect, 2021-2024
AASL Region 3 Director (Board Member), 2018-2020
AASL Practice Committee, 2016 - 2021
AASL ASCD Whole Child Task Force, 2020-2021
AASL School Library Month Committee, 2018-2019
AASL Libraries in Public Charter Schools Task Force Chairperson, 2017-2018
AASL Advocacy & Legislative Coalition Calls Participant, 2016-2017
AASL Chapter Assembly Delegate, 2013, 2014

Officers Held

Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), Co-Chair Advocacy Committee, 2021-current
Michigan Library Association (MLA), Advocacy and Legislative Committee, 2019-current
Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), Chairperson Advocacy Committee, 2016-2021
Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), Spring Institute Chairperson, 2016
Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), ISTE Affiliate Representative, 2015-2017
Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), President, 2014
Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), Fall Conference Chair, 2013
Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), Fall Conference Committee Member, 2014-2019
Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), Newsletter Editor, 2010-2013

Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), SIGLIB Communications Officer, 2018-2019;

Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), SIGLIB Steering Committee, 2016-2018

Honors and Awards

Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME), Margaret Grazier Award for Contributions to the Profession, 2020

MLA/MAME, Citation of Excellence, 2020

Michigan Department of Education, Model 21st Century School Library (SL 21) Award, 2017-2018

MAME, Michigan School Library Program of the Year, 2017

International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), Making IT Happen Award, 2017

Wayne State University School of Information Science, Shining Star, 2017

MAME, President's Award, 2016

Wayne State University, SLIS Professional Service Award, 2015

Library of Michigan Foundation, State Librarian's Excellence Award, 2012

Howell Public Schools, Excellence in Education Honoree, 2008

Wayne State University, Beta Phi Mu and Dean's Merit Scholarship, 2000

Major Accomplishments

As AASL President, I was actively involved in working with Representative Grijalva's and Senator Reed's staff to craft language for the Right to Read Act 2023. I also met with the National Education Association to help ensure their endorsement of the act.

I am also very proud of my work as Chairperson (and co-chairperson) of the Advocacy Committee for the Michigan Association for Media in Education.

We were successful in having three bills introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives to require every school to have a school library staffed by a certified school librarian. We have also built a coalition of supporters including other education, library, and community organizations.

Finally, I am proud of my work as a school librarian introducing STEM in my library. I have been involved in Making and Coding and been a sponsor of a Girls Who Code Club. I won several grants to support this work including an ALA Ready to Code Mini-Grant.

Publications

2023, <p>Author: "Supporting Our Students' Right to Read", AASL KQ Blog, June 28, 2023.

<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/supporting-our-learners-right-to-read/></p>—2022, <p>Author:

"Intentionality: We Are All Advocates," Knowledgequest, Volume 51, Number 1, 2022.

[https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Presidents-Column-](https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Presidents-Column-Intentionality.pdf)

[Intentionality.pdf](https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Presidents-Column-Intentionality.pdf)</p>—2021, <p>Author: "To Boost Literacy, Michigan Must Invest in School Librarians," Bridge Michigan, May 3, 2021. <https://www.bridgemi.com/guest-commentary/opinion-boost-literacy-michigan-must-invest-school-librarians></p>

Statement

I believe that the American Library Association is an important institution in our society. ALA's advocacy for intellectual freedom, equity of access to information, copyright standards, and media literacy education as well as the services that it provides to its members are vital. I believe that the Library Ecosystem is important and that every type of library provides unique and necessary services to their patrons. I also believe in the AASL Vision Statement: "Every school librarian is a leader; every learner has a school librarian." I also believe that as we move forward we have to work diligently to ensure that ALA and its divisions truly embrace and act on our values of equity, diversity, and inclusion. As ALA Councilor, I would work to ensure that ALA and its divisions work toward these goals and beliefs.

Links

Read more about me at: <http://kathylester.weebly.com/>

ALA Membership Years: 18.0

Divisions: AASL

Round Tables: IFRT, LIRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Mike Marlin
Director, California Braille and Talking Book Library
California State Library
Sacramento, CA
Other Government/State Library

Previous Positions

Adult Services Outreach Librarian, Pima County Public Library, 2005-2007—
Outreach/Reference/Collection Development Librarian, Washington Talking Book and Braille
Library, 2004-2005—Adaptive Technology Librarian, Seattle Public Library, 2001-2002

Degrees and Certifications

University of Washington, MLIS, Library and Information Science, 1992.
Brown University, BA, Semiotics and Communications, 1987.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2011-2024; ALA Executive Board, Member, 2015-18, Spring 2014;
Committee on Organization, Member, 2023-2025; International Relations Committee, Member,
2020-2024; Committee on Professional Ethics, 9th Principle Ableism Subcommittee, Member
2022-2023; Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Member, 2021-2023, Chair, 2021-2022;
Resolutions Committee, Member, 2018-2022, Chair, 2019-2021; ALA/ASGCLA Representative to
IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities (LPD) Section, 2013-2021; ALA Budget Analysis
and Review Committee, Member, 2016-2018; ALA Conference Accessibility Task Force, Co-chair,
2016-17; • ALA Committee on Membership Meetings, Member, 2014-16, Chair, 2014-15; Task Force
on Electronic Communications for the ALA Council, Member, 2014; ALA Digital Content Working
Group, member, Digital Media Subcommittee, 2014-2016, Accessibility Subcommittee, 2012-2014;
ALA Committee on Diversity member, 2013-15; ASGCLA Board of Directors, Special Populations
Representative, 2018-2022; ASGCLA Awards Committee member, 2013-15; ASGCLA Working Team
Member, LC/NLS Project to Review and Revise the Standards and Guidelines of Service for the
Library of Congress Network of Libraries for the Blind and Print Disabled, 2010-11; ASGCLA Member,
AdHoc Electronic Resources Committee, 2007-08; ALA/ASGCLA Secretary, Accessibility Assembly,
2007-10; ASGCLA Library Services to Special Populations Section: Secretary, Library Service to
People with Visual or Physical Disabilities Forum, 2007-10; SRRT AC Liaison to OITP, 2009-13; SRRT
Action Council Coordinator, 2010-11; SRRT AC Secretary, 2008-09; SRRT International
Responsibilities Task Force, Co-chair, 2012-15; SRRT Action Councilor-at-Large, 2007-13

Officers Held

California Library Association, Member, Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2010-2013; Arizona
Library Association, Disability Services Committee, 2005-2007

Honors and Awards

Chaired Bard, Caer Pugetia, British Druid Order, Seattle, WA, 2003

Major Accomplishments

Advisor, Internet Archive Library Accessibility Digitization Project, 2017-2018; Advisor, Board of Directors, Libraries Without Borders , 2015-2017; Institutional Liaison to California Council of the Blind, National Federation of the Blind of California, Blinded Veterans Association of California, 2007 - present; Member, Reading Rights Coalition, 2009 – 2013; Mentor, Business Advisory Council, Sensory Access Foundation (Sunnyvale, CA), 2008-2012; Librarian/Fundraising Liaison for Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education (BFREE), 1998-2008; Featured Guest Performer (banjo) , London Improvisers Orchestra, 2006; Pima County Public Library Liaison to Tucson Mayoral Commission on Disability Issues, 2005-2007; Vice President, Patron Advisory Council, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, 2002-2004; Co-founder/editor, The Tentacle: Sounding the Depths of Northwest Creative Music (print and online Seattle magazine), 1997-2002; Writer/Reviewer, Earshot Jazz, Seattle, 1994-95

Statement

I am immersed in ALA, and am proud of the actions that have transpired in which I have played both a direct and indirect role since I hopped on the governance train 13 years ago. As a blind librarian, I continue to represent disability librarianship (among all other aspects biblioteque/ario) and feel it is vital to have accessibility, disability justice, and universal design issues represented on Council. I am honored to participate in sectors of international librarianship, striving to represent ALA members and policies, sharing ideas across borders. Philosophically, I will fight for decisions to be inclusive, incorporate diversity, representation, accessibility, respect for opinions of others, progressive ideals, and rationality. Since our major bylaws update, this is the first of a highly competitive slate for fewer positions, so I humbly ask for your support to continue this work. P.S. guide dog Teddy, Canine Librarian, approves this message!

Links

ALA-APA: <http://www.ala-apa.org/newsletter/vol5no9/spotlight.html> ; BTBL newsletter <https://www.library.ca.gov/btbl/newsletter/> ; ASGCLA Think Accessible Toolkit: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/ascla/asclaprotools/thinkaccessible/default.cfm> ; Belize F

ALA Membership Years: 19.0

Divisions: CORE

Round Tables: CSKBART,IFRT,IRRT,NMRT,RRT,SRRT,SUSTR

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association

Black Caucus of ALA

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking

American Indian Library Association

Toni Negro
Librarian
Retired
Rockville, MD
School

Previous Positions

Librarian, University of Maryland, Shady Grove Campurs, 2008-2018

Degrees and Certifications

Fordham University School of Education B.S. Secondary Education

Rutgers University: School of Information Science MLS

Western Michigan University Ed. Specialist

Catholic University: School of Education: Advanced Graduate Study in Educational Technology

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Division Councilor: AASL 2000-2004

ALA Councilor at Large 1991-1998, 2005-2011, 2012-2015, 2023-2024

ALA Working Group Revision of ALA Policy Manual 2023-

ALA Policy Monitoring Committee,, Chair, 20221-2023, Member 2023-2025

ALA Code of Conduct Committee, Co-Chair 2023-2024, Member 2022-2023

ALA Forward Together Working Group 2020-2022

Officers Held

Maryland Educational Media Organization, Vice-President, President 1985-1987

Montgomery County Educational Media Association, Vice President-President 1982-1985

Statement

My hope is to continue to participate in the governance and advancement of the ALA and in being an advocate for all types of libraries. After many years of membership and service in committees, I still look forward to strengthening outreach to gain support in local, state and national communities. I have worked in school, public and academic libraries and have had appointments local and state library boards and associations. Although retired I have been active with ALA committees and membership in United Libraries as a way to achieve my goals in ALA participation.

ALA Membership Years: 59.0

Divisions: AASL,UNITED

Round Tables: RMRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Stacey Nunn (she,her)
Library Media Specialist
MASL
Cockeysville, MD
School

Previous Positions

Library Media Specialist, Baltimore County Public Schools, Towson MD, 2018-Present—School Librarian, Syracuse City School District, Syracuse, NY, 2015-2018—Special Education Teacher, Syracuse City School District, Syracuse, NY, 2009-2015

Degrees and Certifications

McDaniel College- Learning Technology Certificate, May 2021
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, MLIS- School Media, 2018
LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY, MST- General/Special Education, 2008
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY MSW- Social Work 1999
Fisk University, Nashville, TN, BA Psychology 1997

ALA or APA Activities

ALA- EDI Assembly 2021-Present
ALA Scholastic Library Publishing Award Jury 2022-2023
AASL- Chapters Assembly, 2023-2024 Chair Elect
BCALA- Black Caucus Children's Literary Award Committee, 2021- Present
ALA-Literacy Nation, Member, Present

Officers Held

MASL- Maryland Association of School Librarians Delegate (2022-2023), President Elect 2023-present
MASL- Black-Eyed Susan Award Committee 2022-present
MASL- Advocacy Committee 2022-present
MLA Maryland Library Association Member/ MASL Liaison-Present

Honors and Awards

Maryland School Librarian of the Year Finalist 2023

Major Accomplishments

Stacey S. Nunn is a third career educator with 14 years of experience which consist of a combination in special education and library information science. Stacey is currently a Library Media Specialist for Baltimore County Public Schools.

Statement

Stacey is a Library Media Specialist In the state of Maryland. She is a member of the American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians, Maryland Association of School Librarians and Black Caucus American Library Association. She is an advocate for school libraries with a passion for serving on book award committees. Her goal as a Library Media Specialist is to cultivate a sense of community, expose students to literature across multiple genres and build diverse collections. She is also committed to literacy outreach and desires to be a well-established blogger who provides enriched booklist and reviews for students. Stacey dreams of contributing to an anthology with a heightened interest in Young Adult literature. She is an alum of Fisk University, Le Moyne College, and Syracuse University. Stacey recently completed a certificate in Learning Technology at Mc Daniel College. Stacey is the proud mother of two aged 20 and 12.

Links

Personal Blog- Bookie Blogger
<http://www.bookieblogger.com/>

ALA Membership Years: 7.0

Divisions: AASL

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Black Caucus of ALA

Michelle Osborne
Branch Manager
Gaston County Public Library
Stanley, NC
Public

Previous Positions

Branch Manager, Gaston County Public Library, 09/1993

Degrees and Certifications

Gardner-Webb University, EdD, 2021; East Carolina University, MLS, 2018; Belmont Abbey College, BA, 2014; Gaston College, AA, 2009

ALA or APA Activities

Chair, NMRT Student and Student Chapter Outreach Committee

2023 - Present

NMRT Leadership Development Director

2021 - 2023

Chair, Nominating Committee

2020 - 2021

Chair, Student Chapter of the Year Award Committee

2018 - 2021

Student to Staff Mentor

2018 - 2019

NC Representative at Large-NCLA DLS

2017 - 2020

Mentor, LLAMA

2017 - 2018

President of Student Chapter at ECU-2017/2018

2017 - 2018

Officers Held

ALA Leadership Development Director 2021-2023, Chair, Reference, and Adult Services Section, NCLA 2021-2023; Chair, NCLA Literacy Section, 2023-2025, Chair, ALA Student and Student Chapter Outreach Committee, 2023-2024.

Honors and Awards

I was NCLA Member of the Month in 2022 and featured in the CSLP monthly newsletter, in 2019. I was also showcased in Librarians We Love and Student Speaker at Commencement at East Carolina University in 2018.

Major Accomplishments

I was spotlighted in the NCLA Monthly newsletter from NCLA in 2022. I completed my Doctoral Degree in Organization Leadership from Gardner-Webb University in 2021. I was featured in the CSLP monthly newsletter in 2019 for a section titled "Librarians We Love."

Statement

Libraries are an important part of the community. I have been a librarian for 30 years and my experience in various roles will bring a broad perspective of why libraries are the staple of the community. I aspire to promote libraries and be a resource to people of all backgrounds looking to gain more knowledge and learn the resources that are available to them.

ALA Membership Years: 8.0

Divisions:

Round Tables: NMRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Christina Rodriques (she/her)
Senior Program Manager
OCLC
Columbus, OH
Other nonprofit

Degrees and Certifications

Kent State University, Master of Public Administration (MPA), December 2022.
Kent State University, Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), May 2015.
The George Washington University, Graduate Certificate, Museums Collections Management & Care, May 2011.
Kent State University, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in History, May 2010.
Kent State University, Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Minor in Political Science, May 2010.

ALA or APA Activities

NMRT Councilor, 2019 - 2022
ALA 150th Commemoration Fundraising Campaign Cabinet Co-Chair, 2023 - 2026
Forward Together Resolutions Working Group Co-Chair, 2021 - 2022
Forward Together Working Group, 2020 - 2021
ALA Membership Committee Chair, 2018 - 2020
ALA Membership Committee, 2017 - 2018
NMRT Board, Outreach Director, 2018 - 2019
IRRT Chair's Program Committee, 2017 - 2018
ALA Executive Board, 2021 - 2024

Publications

2023, <p>Rodriques, C. "Redefining the library experience: Global insights for future planning." [Blog Post] OCLC Next. 30 August 2023. <https://blog.oclc.org/next/redefining-the-library-experience-global-insights-for-future-planning/></p>—2023, <p>Connaway, Lynn Silipigni, Joanne Cantrell, Peggy Gallagher, Lesley A. Langa, and Christina Rodriques. Redefining the library experience: Findings from the 2023 OCLC Global Council Survey. Dublin, OH: OCLC Research. <https://doi.org/10.25333/nzn0-xx63></p>

Statement

I believe in the success and long-term sustainability of the American Library Association. I believe the best way to accomplish these goals is through member collaboration and volunteer service. In my time as an ALA member, I have served the association through various committees and through service on the Executive Board. I am passionate about advocating for libraries and the value they bring to our communities. I am fortunate to work alongside library workers from around the world and from every library type who've taught me the value of cooperation. I know the important role ALA council has in setting policy for the association. I would like to continue giving back to the ALA by serving as a councilor at large so that I can share my deep knowledge and understanding of the association to help us move forward in becoming a more nimble and agile association for the future.

ALA Membership Years: 9.0

Divisions: CORE,PLA

Round Tables: IFRT,NMRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Brian Schottlaender
PRINCIPAL
re:work library consulting
San Diego, CA
Other Consultant

Previous Positions

University Librarian, UC San Diego, 1999-2017—Senior Associate, California Digital Library, 1998-1999—Associate University Librarian, UCLA, 1993-1999

Degrees and Certifications

Long Island University, Library Senior Fellow, 1995.
Indiana University, MLIS, 1980.
University of Texas, BA German, 1974.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA ALCTS Division Councilor, 2011-2014.
ALA Policy Manual Revision Working Group Co-Chair, 2023-Present.
ALA Bylaws Committee Chair, 2022-Present.
ALA Endowment Trustees Member, 2015-2021.
ALA Center for the Future of Libraries Working Group Member, 2015-2018.
ALA Nominating Committee Member, 2014-2015.
ALA Digital Content and Libraries Working Group Member, 2011-2014.
ALA Information Today “Library of the Future” Award Jury Member, 2007-2008.
ALA Conference Committee Member, 2005–2007.
ALA–Society of American Archivists–American Association of Museums Committee on Library-Archives Relationships Member, 2004–2005.
ALA Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) President, 2003-2004.

Officers Held

Indiana University Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council Member, 2012-Present.
Digital Preservation Network (DPN) Board of Directors Member, 2013-2019.
Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) Executive Committee Co-Chair, 2010-2017.
San Diego Library Circuit Convenor, 2000-2017.
OCLC Board of Trustees Member, 2010-2015.
HathiTrust Board of Governors Chairs, 2013.
The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) Steering Committee Member, 2011-2012.
Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control Member, 2006-2011.
Center for Research Libraries (CRL) Board of Directors Member, 2004-2010.
Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) Steering Committee Member, 2006-2009.
Association of Research Libraries (ARL) President, 2005-2006.
Pacific Rim Research Library Alliance Convenor, 1999-2001.

Joint Steering Committee for Revision of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules ALA Representative, 1995-2001.

Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Steering Committee & Policy Committee Chair, 1996-1998.

Library of Congress Cooperative Online Serials Program (CONSER) Policy Committee Chair, 1996-1997.

Honors and Awards

Indiana University Luddy School 2015 LIS Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, 2015.

ALA Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award, 2015.

ALA Melvil Dewey Medal, 2010.

ALA Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award, 2007.

“Best of Cataloging & Classification Quarterly”, 2004.

ALA Margaret Mann Citation, 2001.

Beta Phi Mu, 1980.

Major Accomplishments

Long active in the American Library Association, Schottlaender led the successful General Revision of the ALA Bylaws throughout 2022, which were approved by the ALA membership in 2023. During the six years (2015-2021) he served as an ALA Endowment Trustee, the size of the ALA endowment grew from \$40 million to \$60 million. He served on the ALCTS Board of Directors from 1996 to 2005 and from 2011 to 2014, and served as its President (2003-2004) and its Councilor (2001-2014).

Within the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), Schottlaender chaired the Strategic Planning Task Force in 2004, the Search Committee for the Executive Director in 2006, the Financial Strategies Task Force in 2009, and the Strategic Thinking and Design Transition Team in 2014. He served as ARL President from 2005 to 2006. From 2010 through 2015, Schottlaender served as an elected member of the OCLC Board of Trustees, and from 2012 through 2017, as a member of the HathiTrust Board of Governors, including chairing its Executive Committee from 2012 through 2013.

Publications

2020, <p>Author: "Developing Tomorrow's Library Leaders," portal: Libraries and the Academy, Volume 24, Number 2, 2020.

</p>—2020, <p>Co-Author: "The History and Development of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging," Cataloging and Classification Quarterly, Volume 58, Number 2, 2020. [w/ Rebecca Culbertson]

</p>—2023, <p>Author: "Anything But Routine: A Selectively Annotated Bibliography of William S. Burroughs, v.5.0," California Digital Library eScholarship [Open Access] Repository, 2023.</p>

Statement

Almost 150 years after its founding, the American Library Association is at a critical inflection point. While the Association is energized by committed and forward-looking volunteer and staff leaders, we also find ourselves buffeted by a polarized political climate and a rising tide of criticism of hard-fought socio-cultural advances decades in the making. Consequently, it has never been more important that a nimble and intentional ALA rise to the challenge, deploying its organizational,

financial, and advocacy resources strategically and thoughtfully. Earlier in my ALA tenure, I was privileged to serve as the President of ALCTS and then as ALCTS Division Councilor. My recent experience as an ALA Endowment Trustee and chair of the ALA Bylaws Committee has readied me for additional service to the Association. I would be pleased to bring this experience to the Council to help address the challenges that lie ahead, collaboratively and proactively.

Links

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/0xj4d6bm>

ALA Membership Years: 44.0

Divisions: ACRL,CORE

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Natalie Starosta (she/her/hers)
Director
North Riverside Public Library District
North Riverside, IL
Public

Previous Positions

Director, River Valley District Library, 2017-2018—Director, Dorr Township Library, 2013-2017—
Director, Hopkins District Library, 2011-2017

Degrees and Certifications

University of Illinois, MLIS, 2010; University of Kansas, MA Slavic Literature and Language, 2009;
Grand Valley State University, BAs in German Studies and Russian Studies, 2007.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Councilor at Large 2021-2024
ALA Policy Monitoring Committee
ALA Learning Round Table Board Member 2017-2019
ALA Learning Round Table Conference Committee, Emerging Leaders Committee, 2017-2021
PLA Continuing Education Advisory Group Member 2017-2019

Officers Held

Library of Michigan, Representative for QSAC review committee, 2013 and 2016; Allegan County
Library Association, Vice President and President, 2014-2017; Lakeland Library Cooperative, Vice
President of Advisory Council;

Major Accomplishments

One of my proudest accomplishments has been to create diverse, accepting, well educated teams
who are inventive and excited by what they can do and how they can effect the community around
them. Creating an atmosphere of positivity and action from a place of indecisiveness and
acceptance has been a challenge but the end result is well worth the effort.

Statement

I have served my career in small and/or rural libraries in Michigan and Illinois and I firmly believe
that small libraries need additional representation in the American Library Association even though
many of them are not able to join due to financial and time constraints. I would like to represent the
needs of the small libraries in my area and elsewhere who are not able to attend meetings. I believe
in working to simplify leadership, making the meetings and the processes more accessible to all
members and non-members who are a part of our field.

ALA Membership Years: 14.0

Divisions: CORE,PLA

Round Tables: LEARNRT,SUSTRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

Eric Suess (He/Him/His)
Library Director
Marshall Public Library
Pocatello, ID
Public

Degrees and Certifications

University of Michigan, MSILS, 1987; University of Notre Dame, BA Government/English, 1983

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Council 2008-11, 2012-21; ALA Policy Monitoring Committee 2022-24, ALA Committee on Legislation 2008-09, 2018-22, CoL Subcommittee on Grassroots Advocacy 2008-2011 (Chair 2009-10), 2019-22; ALA Committee on Organization 2015-2019, ALA Awards Committee 2013-15 (Chair 2014-15); ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee 2012-14, PLA Public Libraries Advisory Committee 2023-25, ACRL LPSS Publications Committee 1988-90; ALCTS Esther J. Piercey Award Jury 1989-90; LAMA FRFDS Program Committee 2003-05; LAMA SASS Acquisitions Systems Committee 1989-91; LITA Vendor User Group 1994-95; IFRT Executive Committee 2006-08, 2010-15 (Chair 2013-14); IFRT Organization and Bylaws Committee 2005-09; IRRS Nominating Committee (Chair) 1988-89; ALA Council representative to the Planning and Budget Assembly 2015-17

Officers Held

Michigan Library Association: IFC Chair 2001-2, Membership Committee Chair 2006-7. Idaho Library Association: IFC Chair 2011-2015

Major Accomplishments

Created Commerce Township (MI) Community Library, the community's first library. Served as Director of the Fraser (MI) Public Library for eight years, and the Marshall Public Library in Pocatello, ID since 2011. Was nominated for ALA President in 2022/23 Served as mentor for many new professional librarians.

Statement

For thirty-six years, I have served various communities as a professional librarian. It is a passion and a responsibility. I am adamant about reaching *all* members of our community, and thus have vehemently fought efforts to restrict access to materials. Our professional ethics and standards are non-negotiable. I have experience within ALA and in state/local concerns that will serve me well in this leadership role. I will fight for what is important to the membership at large, and actively seek input at all levels.

ALA Membership Years: 29.0

Divisions: ALSC,CORE,PLA,YALSA

Round Tables: GAMERT,GNCRT,IFRT,IRRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

James Teliha (he/his)
Dean of the Library & Learning Commons
Utica University
Utica, NY
Academic

Previous Positions

Dean of the Library & Learning Commons, Utica University, 2015-present—Associate University Librarian for Public Services, Idaho State University, 2008-2011—Head of Access Services, University of Rhode Island, 2000-2007

Degrees and Certifications

University of Oklahoma, Masters in Library & Information Studies, 1997. University of Colorado, Masters of Arts in History, 1993. University of Colorado, Bachelors of Arts in History and Political Science, 1982.

ALA or APA Activities

ALA Council Training and Engagement Committee 2023-2025, ALA Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee 2019-2023, ALA Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee Chair 2020-2022, ALA Committee on Legislation 2015-2019, ALA Membership Committee/Membership Promotion Task Force 2011-2015, ALA American Libraries Advisory Committee 2009-2011, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee 2005-2009, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Privacy Subcommittee 2007-2012, ALA Intellectual Freedom Impact of Media Concentration on Libraries Subcommittee 2006-2007, Participant in ALA Law for Librarians Program April 2006, ACRL Liaison to the Office of Intellectual Freedom 2013-2015, ACRL Committee on Professional Values 2013-2015, ACRL Committee on the Status of Librarians 2005-2009, LLAMA Liaison to the Office of Intellectual Freedom 2009-2013, IFRT Director 2012-2014, IFRT Eli M. Oboler Award Committee Chair 2010-2012, IFRT Program Committee 2002-2007.

Officers Held

New York Library Association, Academic & Special Libraries Section Vice President/President/Past President Academic & Special Libraries Section 2019-2022, Idaho Library Association State Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair 2009-2011.

Honors and Awards

Phi Alpha Theta 1992

Major Accomplishments

As ITPAC Chair, our committee wrote, submitted through the Committee on Legislation, moved, and had Council pass the Resolution in Support of Broadband as a Human Right

Publications

2013, <p>Teliha, James K., "Librarians' Response to Technological Change: Keep Calm and Carry On," Library Leadership and Management, (ALA), Volume 27, Number 3, 2013</p>

Statement

Fighting for, defending, preserving, and promoting Intellectual Freedom is the main reason I've worked in libraries for over 40 years as both a paraprofessional and professional. It is the main reason I became a librarian. I believe that Intellectual Freedom is THE core value of our profession. Serving on a wide variety of committees has allowed me to become familiar with ALA's bureaucracy and its inner workings. My experience and past committee service has prepared me to be of great value to my colleagues, and my profession as a Councilor-at-Large. If elected, I will work tirelessly to promote our profession's ethics and ideals, and make sure Librarians' voices are heard by all.

ALA Membership Years: 28.0

Divisions: ACRL,CORE

Round Tables: IFRT,IRRT,RRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Kestrel Ward (they/them)
Library Associate 1
University of Florida
Hawthorne, FL
Academic

Previous Positions

Library Associate I, University of Florida Smathers Libraries, 2020-Current—Visiting Education Librarian, University of Florida Smathers Libraries, Fall 2022

Degrees and Certifications

University of Florida, Bachelor of Arts, Classics, 2007
Durham University, Master of Arts, Classics and Ancient History, 2011
Florida State University, Master of Science, Library and Information, 2022

ALA or APA Activities

ACRL Women and Gender Studies Section Membership Committee Chair 2023-2024
Graphic Novels and Comics RoundTable Membership Committee Chair 2022-2024

Major Accomplishments

Creation of a Handbook for Academic Libraries prevention of Digital Violence as part of a IMLS Grant

Publications

2022, Ward, Kestrel et al "What: Contextualizing digital Violence prevention within library work" In Walker, Paige, Adam Jazairi, Chelcie Rowell eds Digital Literacy Against Digital Violence: A Handbook for Library Workers—2023, Ward, Kestrel "The President's Shoelaces, Goncharove, and other cultural artifacts: Tumblr, the Internet Archive, and Queer Cultural Preservation," Journal of Critical Digital Librarianship: Special Issue

Statement

As a ALA Councilor At Large I hope to be a voice for queer librarians in ALA. All over the country, we are under attack by those who promote censorship and attempt to erase queer people and people of color from history and public life. ALA as an institution must use it's national power to fight against these attempts. Librarianship cannot remain neutral in this fight for our very right to exist. I also hope to be a voice for academic libraries, who are the next target of these attacks on freedom of information.

Links

www.onequeerlibrarian.com

ALA Membership Years: 3.0

Divisions: ACRL

Round Tables: GNCRT,RRT

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No